

ATTACHMENT A

Remarks

By this Amendment, the rejected claims have all been canceled, leaving only allowed independent claim 13 pending. The cancellation of the claims is to be considered made without prejudice to re-filing of all claims.

In view of the allowability of claim 13, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and such action is solicited.

ATTACHMENT B

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1-12 (canceled)

13. (previously presented) An apparatus for authenticating a document including:

a receptacle to receive the document;

means to scan the document as the document enters the receptacle;

data transfer means to transfer scanned data from the scanning means;

and card means operable to receive the data; so arranged that:

the document can only be released from the receptacle when the card means is placed in, or read by, a card reader associated with the receptacle.

14-29 (canceled)